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NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL)

Virtual Library

AVRL's Virtual Library Project remains a main focus for the foreseeable future. Recent orientation workshops for the public service staff included a re-introduction to AVRL's new web site, which can be viewed at **www.valleylibrary.ca** as of April 1.

Branch Activities

Author Christy Ann Conlin read from her novel *Heave,* set in the Annapolis Valley, at the Wolfville Memorial Library on February 23. The program was sponsored by the Box of Delights Book Store.

March was Nutrition Month and two workshops were featured on March 6. Dietician Jessie Jollymore from Milk Maritime Inc. was on hand to offer *Sports Nutrition* and *Nutrition and Children* presentations.

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March Break activities at the Wolfville Memorial Library ended with a bang! Presenter Henry Bishop offered an exciting Interactive Drumming Workshop for an enthusiastic crowd.

Cape Breton Regional Library (CBRL)

Library Card Month

Activities for Library Card Month were ongoing during March. As part of the quest for new library members, CBRL staff attended a hockey game at Centre 200 in Sydney. The Cape Breton Screaming Eagles, the local junior hockey team, have adopted literacy as their favourite cause, and permitted CBRL to set up a booth in the lobby during a home game on March 7. With approximately 3,000 people in attendance, this was an excellent opportunity to attract new members. The goal of Library Card Month during March is to reach 1,500 registrations.

Left to right: Dale Weatherbee and Faye MacDougall at Centre 200.

Spring Reading Festival

The Spring Reading Festival was held throughout the CBRL Library system during March Break. During the week, patrons had the opportunity to hear new works from established writers and first time works by new authors. The readings included historical fiction, poetry, fantasy, plays, nature writings, and children's stories.

Author Douglas Arthur Brown reads from his new children's book at the Sydney branch of the Cape Breton Regional Library during the Spring Reading Festival.

At the Glace Bay branch, author Sandra Dunn reads from her children's book.

Cumberland Regional Library (CURL)

Staffing News

A new Assistant Librarian has been hired to replace Keith MacKinnon. Beth Clinton joins the staff on April 8. Beth graduated from Dalhousie in 1999 and has been working at the Josephine County Library in Grants Pass, Oregon for the past three years. Jeannine Grant, branch assistant for the Advocate Library will be retiring at the end of March. Doris Collins has been hired as her replacement.

Aside from author visits, March Break was made special at the Amherst branch with *Celebrity Storytime*, which attracted over 50 children. Stories were read by a local police officer, fireman, nurse, and forestry conservation officer. The program highlights were special guest appearances by Smoky the Bear, McGruff

the Crime Dog, and Clifford the Big Red Dog.

Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL)

Family Literacy Day

ECRL partnered with the Port Hawkesbury Literacy Council in January for Family Literacy Day festivities. Hosted by the Port Hawkesbury branch library, the event featured library staff member Joyce Rankin and celebrity reader Mayor Billy Joe Maclean.

Mayor Billy Joe Maclean of Port Hawkesbury reads a Big Book to an audience of pre-schoolers.

Branch Activities

The Petit de Grat library was recently the scene for crafts and stories.

Jack Ouellette, well known Richmond County artisan, shared a story with the local Beavers as they gathered for their regular meeting.

Participants in the Craft day were thrilled with their Valentine's Day creations. Lots of fun for family and friends as they shared the day in Petit de Grat.

Children gather round the crafts table at the Petit de Grat library.

Library Card Month

Travelling displays were the focus of ECRL's first ever Library Card Month. Staff were out and about throughout the counties of Inverness, Richmond, and Guysborough gathering new memberships and spreading the word about library services and programs. Grocery stores and rinks were just a couple of the venues visited by staff. Lots of hockey players and their parents visited the display and registered as new members of the library.

Lesley Carruthers, Outreach Coordinator for ECRL, sets up a display on a Saturday morning at the Port Hawkesbury rink.

The launch of Library Card Month was indeed a treat to customers of Sobeys, as they had the opportunity to sample a tasty treat (a special cake) prepared and donated by the staff of Sobeys.

Brad Butler, Sobeys Store Manager, joined in the festivities by helping CEO Linda Travis display the giant membership card at the launch.

Linda Travis, CEO of ECRL, shows a Sobeys customer the latest releases.

Framboise School

Framboise School, a one-room school house in Framboise, Richmond County, was the scene recently for a story hour sponsored by ECRL. Community Relations Assistant, Donna d'Amour, visited the teacher and her seven students from grades P - 4, and provided them with stories, crafts, and information about library services.

Donna D'Amour assembles flannel figures on the story board during a recent story hour.

Halifax Regional Library (HRL)

Information Technology Skills Workshops

HRL will offer a series of Information Technology (IT) Skills workshops for the public at all HRL branches starting in May. Funded by Human Resources Development Canada, these programs will be offered free to anyone who has limited access to computer technology. The IT Skills workshops will provide introductory to intermediate level instruction on such topics as how to use a computer, how to access email, and how to find information on the Internet.

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library (PARL)

Outreach Services

Over the past few years, PARL's Outreach Services to seniors has received assistance from local members of the Canada Post Heritage Club, who under the initiative of club member Aubrey Dauphinee, have volunteered their time delivering books to Senior's Homes for special Care, Senior's Complexes and home bound seniors. The club's membership includes employees with 25 years of service or more or those who are retired from Canada Post.

Harry Potter Contest

PARL recently hosted a very successful online Harry Potter Trivia Contest for children and youth. In excess of 100 entries were e-mailed to PARL's homepage. Contest prizes included a black Harry Potter wizard's cape, which was donated by the Adopt A Library Literacy Program. As a result of the popularity of this contest, plans are now underway for a Lord Of The Rings contest.

Western Counties Regional Library (WCRL)

Louis Braille Award

On Monday, March 11, at a board meeting of the CNIB, WCRL received the Louis Braille Certificate of Merit award in recognition of its "outstanding contribution toward the promotion, understanding and use of Braille in Nova Scotia." The award was presented to Board Chair Gary Archibald by Chris Judge, Intake and Reference Manager with the CNIB. Another award, the White Cane Week Certificate of Merit, was presented to Cathy d'Entremont, Library Clerk IV, for her "special contribution to the well-being of blind, visually impaired and deaf-blind Canadians". Cathy is in charge of the Special Needs department at the Regional Library Headquarters.

Left to right: WCRL Board Chair Gary Archibald accepts the Louis Braille Certificate of Merit award from Chris Judge, Intake and Reference Manager with the CNIB.

Friends of the Library

A new Friends of the Library group was recently formed in Barrington. The group, Friends of the Barrington

Municipal Library, will work towards having a much needed new library in the Barrington area. The president of the Friends group is Marjorie Weeks, a former employee of the Barrington branch.

Library Quilt

The Library Quilt was completed just in time for the launch of *Adopt-A-Book*, which takes place on Friday, April 5 at the Yarmouth branch library. The 'books' on the quilt were sewn together by Doris Cook from Hands On Crafts, the quilting was done by The Silver Seniors and Kim's Custom Embroidery will add the names to each spine. All of the partners involved have volunteered their time and service for the library. For every $100.00 donated to the library, an individual, business, or service group can have their name embroidered on the quilt.

Members of the Silver Seniors volunteered their time and service for the library in making the Library Quilt.

SPRING READING FESTIVAL

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library, Cumberland Regional Library, Eastern Counties Regional Library, and Colchester East Hants Regional Library recently worked together to organize the 'Spring Reading Festival'. This major literacy event was held throughout northern Nova Scotia during March Break, March 10-16, 2002.

As part of the Spring Reading Festival, retired educator Sylvia Gunnery gives a workshop to a group of young writers at the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library.

Sixteen authors participated in twenty one readings with a total of 400 people attending this first time event. The following authors gave readings:

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library: Sue Goyette, Alan Wilson, Sylvia Gunnery, Wenda Young, Doug Smith, Linda Little

Cumberland Regional Library: Herb Curtis, Budge Wilson, Deirdre Kessler

Eastern Counties Regional Library: Daniel Doucet, Beatrice MacNeil, Elaine Ingalls Hogg, Thelma Morris-Fogarty, The Write Club

Colchester-East Hants Regional Library: Deborah Hale, Jeff Domm

Lecturer/researcher, Alan Wilson gives a talk about pioneering evangelist James MacGregor to more than 60 people at the New Glasgow library. When the president of the Pictou County Roots Society was later asked how the presentation went, he remarked that it was great except for one thing- the speaker was so engaging that the members forgot to pass the donation plate around!

The project had four major themes: continuous literacy development for individuals, the value of family literacy activities, the importance of free public libraries fostering reading skills, and promoting local authors to rural communities. The Festival also provided valuable workplace skills to three coordinators who were hired for 10-11 weeks to organize events. Job responsibilities included planning, written communications, public relations, public speaking, web design, and creation of posters. Coordinators worked closely with regional library staff and learned a lot about libraries and library programming. One coordinator accepted a full time position as a library technician with a school library immediately following this project. Regional Library staff involved in the supervision of the coordinators work and management of the event gained new insights into the of multi-regional projects.

Some Festival success stories

Colchester- East Hants Regional Library: One person attending a reading said " I am going to start coming to the library now".

Cumberland Regional Library: Author Deirdre Kessler worked with children on sharing ideas for their own books. One child asked the author if she would like a copy of her book?

Eastern Counties Regional Library: Author Beatrice MacNeil read from " The Cat that Ate the Moon". Children drew pictures afterward, and gave them to Beatrice who said she was going to put them on her fridge. One of the pictures was a nest full of cat 'eggs' . For the Daniel Doucet reading of " Codfish and Angels", Father Dan arrived on the very day the announcement was made that Canso's application for fish quota was refused. Father Dan turned this bad news around at the reading, acknowledging the announcement, and saying that in spite of this unfortunate news and harsh economic times, life goes on just like it does in the book, and he read lighter parts. There was lots of good food and good times and the library staff echoed this positive spirit.

Pictou- Antigonish Regional Library: Comment by a person attending author Sue Goyette's reading was that "it felt like you were in your own living room".

" Best speaker we have ever had" was overheard by a library staff member summing up Alan Wilson's reading to an audience.

NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LIBRARY NEWS

Elizabeth Armstrong Appointed Provincial Librarian

Susan Clark, Senior Executive Director of the Higher and Adult Learning Branch of the Nova Scotia Department of Education, recently announced the appointment of Elizabeth Armstrong as the Provincial Librarian. Ms. Armstrong has been acting in this capacity for many months. This appointment recognizes the leadership she has brought to this position and the excellent relationships she has established with the regional library boards and staff.

Ms. Armstrong has a BSc. from Mount Allison University and an MLS from the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies. She brings to the position more than 30 years of public library experience in both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. She has been employed at the Provincial Library in a variety of roles since 1978 and has been Acting Provincial Librarian since May 1999.

Ms. Armstrong has worked extensively with the Nova Scotia Regional Library community, trustees, library staff and municipal officials. She has been actively involved in four Regional Public Library Funding Review Committees as well as in the development of Guidelines for Public Library Services, which were replaced by Standards for Nova Scotia Regional Public Libraries.

Ms. Armstrong was instrumental in introducing the automated library system, first at Provincial Library and then in the regional libraries and is a strong advocate of the Virtual Library which greatly enhances the equity of public library service delivery across the province.

TRAINING NOTES

VIRTUAL REFERENCE SERVICES: WHAT, WHY AND HOW? TELECONFERENCE

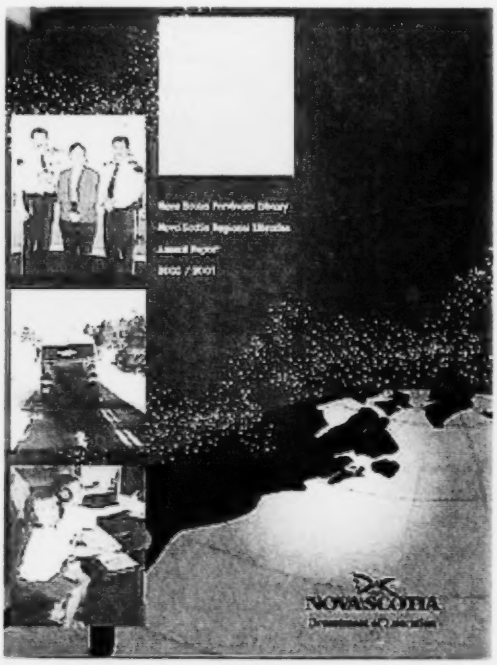
On April 19, 2002, from 1 - 3 pm, the Nova Scotia Provincial Library will provide viewing of Part 2 of the teleconference series entitled: *VIRTUAL REFERENCE SERVICES : What, Why and How?*, being broadcast

from the College of DuPage, Illinois. This two-part series focuses on moving face-to-face reference services to a virtual environment. Part 1 of the series, which aired on February 8 , featured lively discussion around the current state of reference services in today's libraries and explored future directions. This second session will explore the practical considerations involved in moving from a "real" to a "virtual" environment. The April 19 session is currently full. To add your name to the waiting list or to obtain more information on these teleconferences contact Bernadette Kennedy by phone (424-3791) or email **kennedba@gov.ns.ca** or visit the teleconference website at **http://www.cod.edu/teleconf/virtual**.

HOT TIPS & UPDATES

2000/2001 ANNUAL REPORT RELEASED

The 2000/2001 Annual Report for the Nova Scotia Provincial Library/Nova Scotia Regional Libraries has been released. Among the highlights of the year were the establishment of the VISUNET CANADA partnership with the CNIB library and the first Web Awareness training sessions with the Media Awareness Network. *Sail Away with Books/Cap sur la lecture* was the theme of a successful Summer Reading Program. For a print copy, please contact Susan Slaunwhite at (902) 424-2457. The Report is available in PDF format at: http://www.library.ns.ca/regionals/ARPMRGB.pdf



CONSULTATION ON DIGITAL COPYRIGHT

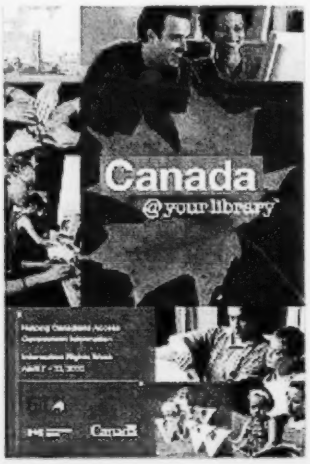
The digital environment has created new issues and conundrums for both users and creators of copyright material. Napster, although the most well-known, is just one of many software applications used for copying and sharing digital information. As part of the development of legislation to deal with some of these issues, Heritage Canada and Industry Canada have set out on a cross-country consultation. The first consultation on digital copyright was held in Halifax on March 8, 2002. In attendance were representatives of the creator community, including CanCopy, as well as the copyright user community, including libraries and the NS Department of Education.

The digital environment has created some unique copyright issues that have no analogies in existing legislation. Among the issues discussed during the day were: the making available right, the legal protection of technological measures, the legal protection of right management information, and the liability of network intermediaries. Several speakers urged the drafters of legislation to balance the rights of creators and consumers. Many traditional copyright users, such as libraries, are now also copyright creators. Network intermediaries are generally considered to be Internet Service Providers, but are libraries and CAP sites offering public access also defined as network intermediaries?

For more information, please contact Michael Colborne **colbormb@gov.ns.ca** or check this URL: **http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/SSG/rp00838e.html.**

INFORMATION RIGHTS WEEK 2002

The Canadian Library Association Announces Information Rights Week in Canada, *Canada@Your Library*, April 7-13.



The theme, *Canada@Your Library*, focuses on the importance of Canadian federal publications and information in creating an open society in Canada and celebrates the 75th anniversary of the federal government's Depository Services Program (DSP). The DSP was established in 1927 as an essential link between the Canadian federal government and the Canadian public, other governments, universities and businesses. Its primary objective is to ensure that Canadians have ready and equal access to federal government information. It does this by providing copies of government publications to more than 790 libraries in Canada and to another 147 institutions around the world.

Information Rights Week 2002 celebrates the role of Canadian libraries as key points of contact for citizens, students, educators, and researchers seeking government information. Libraries provide assistance by identifying the appropriate level of government and department, and by locating the proper information in either print or electronic format. Information Rights Week is an opportunity for libraries, library associations and others who support access to information, to increase public awareness of all matter of information policy issues, equitable access to government information, intellectual freedom and privacy.

For more information on Information Rights Week, please contact Michael Colborne **colbormb@gov.ns.ca** or see the CLA web site at **http://www.cla.ca/resources/irw2002.htm**.

MULGRAVE LIBRARY FEATURED IN CANADIAN LIVING

The April 2002 issue of *Canadian Living* featured an article on public libraries in Canada. In addition to the article, the magazine asked public libraries across the country to send in their stories. Joyce Oliver-Snair's article from Mulgrave was one of the stories featured on Canadian Living Online **http://CanadianLiving.com/family/features/library/index.asp**.

Here is Joyce's story :*The Library: Strengthening Canadian Communities - What It Is To Be A Librarian:*

Dear *Canadian Living*,
Libraries are "the nation's new community centres" and I guess we fit the bill by being part of the community we serve in Mulgrave, NS

Where do we find this? We find it in the child who needs help with their mittens, the senior who needs help to carry their books to the car, the patron who has trouble zipping their winter coat and comes to the library for your help, or the patron who comes to the library just because...

It's the child who admires you because you read them a story, or the preschooler who thinks you can't be more than 16 years old; or the class you visit and before you are introduced they proudly say they know Miss Joyce and Wobert's (Robert's) mother; it's the child who comes for help with their homework because you seem to have all the answers and don't growl like their mother does; it's the excitement in the eyes of the child who discovers Arthur on the computer and needs your help to drown the dragon; or the hearing impaired child who just can't wait for you to find his favourite book on snakes because you know just where it's at...

Then there are the seniors who would adopt you if you were available, always happy with your visits to share a smile or a sadness in their lives; it's finding stacks of books behind their bed because they can't remember where they put them; it's sitting with them as you wait for an ambulance to come and take them to the hospital because they are ill and alone; sharing your homemade Christmas cookies with them that they wait each year for; it's seeing your Christmas card hanging on the wall for months (now that makes you feel warm and fuzzy).

It is helping those people from outside find their roots in Mulgrave; the hugs from them as they can't believe what they have found; it's the woman who finds not only her grandmother but also a real live cousin and step-aunt here in Mulgrave; the woman who weeps because she just can't believe all the information we have on her family and because memories of the past overwhelm her; it's taking them to the Glebe House and helping them go through records because they have no idea where to look and they have come so far to find the information; it's an invitation to a Christmas Party in Boston because you too, are considered part of their extended family...

One of the best benefits of working in a public library in a small community is that feeling of being needed. It is having something to offer to the community and in turn being made to feel part of a very large extended family. When we reflect on the past year, it is with a smile for the child who can easily bring those to your face, or the joke told in a whisper over the desk and maybe with a tear for the patron lost. But most importantly, it is being made part of the larger community through our patrons year round.

Joyce Oliver-Snair
Library Assistant, Mulgrave Branch

LECTURE: "SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW: VIEWS ON FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR LIBRARIANS"

Ernie Ingles, 2002 Visitor-in-Residence at the Dalhousie University School of Library and Information Studies and Associate Vice President, Learning Systems, University of Alberta, gave a lecture titled *Ramblings... Somewhere Over the Rainbow: Views on Future Prospects for Librarians* on March 8 as part of the School's Friday Lecture Series. Mr. Ingles delighted those assembled by using computer video clips from the movie *The Wizard of Oz* to illustrate points in his lecture. For example, the scene with the song *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* was used to illustrate the blue skies for those now embarking on careers and the unprecedented opportunity for growth and change, which is present at this point in the development of the profession. Mr. Ingles said that statistics indicate that by 2005, 40 percent of those currently working in libraries will be eligible for retirement. This will provide bright prospects for new graduates. On the other hand, there will be a loss of knowledge and skills and a crisis in leadership. New graduates will be thrust into leadership roles at

an early stage in their careers. This is happening at a time when technology is changing the way jobs are done. Traditional library skills are still important, but new competencies will have to be embraced to meet changing requirements. Currently there is very little professional development being carried on, but to meet the changing needs in the profession much more will have to be done. This can be achieved by providing employees with opportunities for cross-training, job enrichment, mentoring and secondments, as well as financial support and time for professional development. Employers should be working on succession planning for future leadership in the profession.

CANADIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS - HOT READS IN ATLANTIC CANADA THIS WINTER!
The Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award is back for its third season with an exciting selection of Canadian books for young readers. For the first time the nominated books include ten French language titles from a total of thirty outstanding reads. Children from all over the Atlantic Region are busy reading and will cast votes for their favourites in the English fiction, English non-fiction, and French categories by April 19, 2002.

While the young readers are busy selecting their favourite books, the Hackmatack Committee is organizing author tours and readings. This year 17 of the 32 nominated Canadian writers will visit thousands of their young fans in schools, libraries and communities in all four Atlantic provinces. The readings are made possible with the generous support of the Nova Scotia Arts Council and the Canada Council for the Arts, and through the on-going collaboration with the Western Counties, Pictou-Antigonish, Cape Breton, Colchester-East Hants, Cumberland, Annapolis Valley and Halifax Regional Libraries in Nova Scotia, as well as New Brunswick public libraries in Bathurst and Moncton, the St. John's Public Libraries in Newfoundland and the Confederation Centre Public Library in Prince Edward Island.

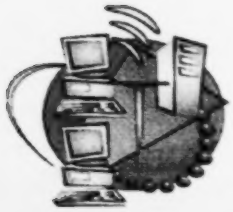
Visiting writers include: from Ontario, Rachna Gilmore, Sharon E. MacKay, Ting-Xing Ye, Shane Peacock, Maxine Trottier, Eric Walters, Ann Love, Jane Drake, Linda Granfield and Shelley Tanaka; from Quebec, Caryl Cude Mullin, Francois Barcelo, Nicole M. Boisvert and Evelyne Daigle; from British Columbia, Valerie Wyatt and Vivian Bowers; from New Brunswick, Denise Paquette; and from Nova Scotia, Budge Wilson.

All readings will take place during the week of May 12 to May 18, 2002. The Hackmatack Award Ceremony, will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on May 18 at the Alderney Landing Theatre in Dartmouth.

This final event will mark an official start of the Atlantic Book Week, a celebration of reading and writing in the Atlantic region, organized by the Writers' Federation of NS, the Atlantic Booksellers Association, the Atlantic Publishers' Marketing Association, the Dartmouth Book Awards, Atlantic Books Today, and the Ann Connor Brimer Children's Book Award.

For more information on the upcoming events, please contact the Hackmatack office at 902-424-3774 or e-mail at **hackmatack@hackmatack.ca.**

REFERENCE ON THE NET



These reference questions, which were referred to the Provincial Library by the Regional Public Libraries, were answered with help from resources found on the Internet.

Q. Would like information about growing nuts in Nova Scotia, especially in orchards.

A. The Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Fisheries web site at **http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsaf/home.htm** is an excellent source of information on a variety of agricultural topics. To access this information, click on the E-library bar at the top of the page and then Factsheets on the left side of the page. Scroll down to the Factsheets section and you will find Edible Nuts listed as a topic here. The information on this topic includes the full text of a document titled *Nut Culture in Nova Scotia* with a chapter on *Planting and Managing the Nut Orchard*.

Q. The patron wants to know where the cooking term "a la King" came from.

A. A great site for searching for terms is the *Glossarist: a searchable glossary directory* at **http://www.glossarist.com**. This site is a huge directory of glossaries arranged by subject. The *Lifestyle* section has food glossaries. In searching through these *Linda's Culinary Dictionary* at **http://www.geocities.com/NapaValley/4079/Glossary/GlossaryIndex2.htm** gives a definition of "a la King" as being "prepared with a Béchamel sauce containing mushrooms, green peppers, and red or pimento peppers. The definition of "a la King" in the *Food & Beverage Glossary* at **http://www.horizons.bc.ca/ice/glossary/fbc.html** has a link to sauce and then Béchamel (basic white sauce). This says that "Béchamel, the base of many other sauces, was named after its inventor, Louis XIV's steward Louis de Béchamel" so it seems that the king in "a la King" refers to Louis XIV.

LINKed

April is a busy month for literary events. The League of Canadian Poets has established it as National Poetry Month in Canada and there is a link with information about it on their web site at **http://www.poets.ca/linktext/npm.htm**. April 23 is Canada Book Day, **http://www.canadabookday.com** as well as World Book and Copyright Day, **http://www.unesco.org/general/eng/events/book/book.html.** To celebrate Canada Book Day CBC Radio's *Canada Reads* project has five panellists who are choosing a Canadian book for Canadians to read together. The week prior to April 23, the panellists will narrow the choice down to one book which will be announced on April 23. See *Canada Reads 2002* at **http://cbc.ca/canadareads**.

To help celebrate these events, here are some sites with lots of information on Canadian poetry and books. *The Canadian Poetry Archive* at **http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/canvers** on the National Library of Canada's web site has the full text of selected poems from over 100 early Canadian poets. The database of these poems is

searchable by author, title, keywords and date.

Writing Canada into the Millennium - Canadian Poets Online at **http://www.ucalgary.ca/UofC/faculties/HUM/ENGL/canada** was produced by three members of the English Dept. at the University of Calgary. In the frames version you can access information on poets by region, by time line, i.e. publication date and by list, i. e, last name. For each poet resources include biographical information, bibliographies of publications and critical materials and Internet links.

Forthcoming Books at **http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/forthbks** is the Internet version of the National Library of Canada's print publication of the same name. There are listings starting in March 1998 of titles processed by the National Library of Canada's Canadian Cataloguing in Publication (CIP) program. Use the Search feature at the top and click on Forthcoming Books to locate a specific title.

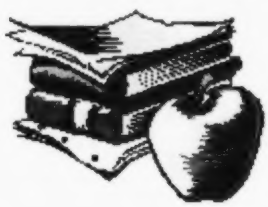
Vancouver Public Library's Book Club Café at **http://www.vpl.vancouver.bc.ca/branches/LibrarySquare/prl/BookClub/thebookclub.html** has information on starting and running a successful book club. The *Book Club Resources* section has links to what resources to read next, information on book award winners and book review sites.

Canadian Literature: A quarterly of criticism and review published by the University of British Columbia at **http://www.canlit.ca** has a book reviews section where there is full text for more recent book reviews. Older book reviews, as well as articles, are listed on the site in the tables of contents for all back issues of *Canadian Literature* starting with the first issue in 1959. These are searchable using the Google search engine.

The Canadian Literature Archive Author List at **http://www.umanitoba.ca/canlit/authorlist** was produced by the English Department of the University of Manitoba. This list brings together links to biographical and bibliographical information from other web sites for a large number of Canadian authors.

Web sites which were featured in previous "Linked" columns are now arranged by subject category on the Reference Services page of the Provincial Library web site at **http://www.library.ns.ca/reference/index.html**. If you have any suggestions about future topics for this column please contact Carol Morris at **morrisc@gov.ns.ca**.

PROFESSIONAL READING



In this month's column, two recent additions to the professional collection are featured. These items can be borrowed through regular interlibrary loan channels. Please send requests via email to Dale MacMillan at inshpl@nshpl.library.ns.ca.

Bluh, Pamela M. - *Managing electronic serials : essays based on the ALCTS electronic serials institutes, 1997-1999.* [*SERIES: ALCTS papers on library technical services and collections ; no. 9*].

Chicago : American Library Association, 2001.Call #: PROF 025 .174 Man
This book provides information for librarians in serials, collection development, and acquisitions on how to manage electronic serials. The process is explored in all its aspects, including the licensing, acquiring and cataloguing of electronic serials, and their practical challenges of circulation and ensuring access. Fourteen "e-brarians" relate their experience with issues of staffing, scrutinizing content, negotiating licensing arrangements and avoiding copyright pitfalls.

Evans, G. Edward - *Management basics for information professionals* by G. Edward Evans, Patricia Layzell Ward, and Bendik Rugaas. New York : Neal-Schuman, c2000.Call #: PROF 025 .1 Eva
This book is a comprehensive introduction to the management of libraries and other information centers. It is intended to be a text for students and an aid to those already in the profession. The first of its three sections covers the background of management practices, management in the context of libraries, and the environment within which management occurs. The second covers the knowledge and skills a manager needs, such as decision making, strategic planning, marketing, communication, quality management, delegation, motivation, and leadership. The third deals with managing technology and managing facilities.

Credits go to: Linda Arsenault, Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library

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